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SOME one asks us to send a preacher to his place who can preach the Gospel convincingly in the city as well as in the country. That is a modest request. All we can say is that when the Gospel is preached it is always convincing, if the people are open for conviction.

We take the following from the *Daily Leader*, Marion, Ind., dated January 29, 1896: Rev. J. C. Cripe will preach his farewell sermon at the Brethren church, corner Pearl and Twenty-second streets to-morrow night.

Rev. Cripe is one of the most eloquent divines in the city, and his discourse to-morrow night will be listened to with deep regret by a large circle of friends who are sorry to say good bye.

The subject, "Christ's Farewell Supper," is one of deep interest and suited to the occasion.

ON page 16, is found an advertisement by Dr. Hess & Co. We take pleasure in saying that the books he offers are worth ten times the amount asked for them. We have printed 50,000 of these books for the Doctor, and are now printing 25,000 copies more. They are of incalculable value to those who have stock about them. The Doctor is entirely reliable, and an expert in his profession.

THESE are strong words from a great man—Charles A. Dana: "Religion is an unchangeable fact; it abides forever in the world, despite all assaults. We believe that there is more, far more, religious activity in the world in our times than ever existed at any other time since Christianity was propagated. Religion is the strongest, the most enduring and the most vivacious of all the powers in our world. Firmer than a rock it stands."

HERE are some thoughtful words, from the *Christian Standard*, for the preacher of the Gospel: "The preacher has two precious half hours each week when he may speak to the hearts of the people for spiritual things. When he makes these brief seasons the occasion for displaying his knowledge on questions of speculative theology, he trifles with immortal souls and proclaims himself a traitor to that Christ whom he presumes to represent."

THE following from the *Press and Printer* explains how easy it is for errors to get into the columns of a newspaper, and how difficult it is to keep them out: "Every column in a paper contains from ten to twenty-two thousand distinct pieces of metal, the displacement of one of which would cause a blunder or a typographical error. And yet some people think it strange when they can find an error in the paper. When they see a word with a wrong letter in it or a misplaced one they are sure they could have spelled the word right, and they are happy for a whole day and go around telling how the editor made a mistake."

WE call special attention to the "Announcement Extraordinary," on page 9, made by the College authorities through its President, J. M. Tombaugh. The offer is an exceedingly liberal one, and the young people of the church who contemplate attending school, will do well to accept the offer.

WHAT should be the motive that prompts us in seeking a church house. Where you can get the most good or where you can do the most good? Certainly the latter. Personal advantage should not be a consideration. Where are you most needed and where can you do the most for God and humanity, should be the controlling motives.

A SISTER asks us to publish the following *Don'ts* for the benefit of preachers. She says they are actual cases that have come under her observation:

1. Don't yell at the top of your voice one sentence, and drop your voice to almost a whisper the next.
2. Don't let your voice sound harsh and rasping.
3. Don't stuff your hands in your pockets.
4. Don't brace yourself or lean upon the pulpit.
5. Don't promenade nervously about the pulpit, stand quiet and easy, use only such gestures as are dignified and impressive.
6. Don't do physical labor while preaching.
7. Avoid all grimaces.
8. Don't show your temper when your congregation has wishes that do not exactly harmonize with your own.
9. Don't forget that the church is governed by the congregation, and your voice is only one in that body.

THIS fear of God turns other fears out of doors; there is no room for them where this great fear is; and being greater than they all, yet it disturbs not as they do; yea, it brings as great quiet as they brought trouble.—*Leighton*.